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The death of Dr. E. K. Kane, U. S. N., late a member of the Academy, was then announced; whereupon the following resolutions, offered by Mr. Cassin, were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Academy has heard of the decease of its distinguished member ELISHA KENT KANE, M. D., of the United States Navy, with deep sorrow, and regards it as a loss to the cause of science, and to the country.

Resolved, That the great abilities and enterprise of Dr. Kane entitle him to the highest rank among scientific voyagers and explorers, and that his many and valuable contributions to the collections of the Academy, and his constant interest in it, entitle him to special regard.

Resolved, That this Academy will attend the funeral of Dr. Kane, and that a special meeting be called for that purpose.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the family of Dr. Kane, and that the same be published.

March 3d.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Dr. Uhler stated :

That on the night of the 10th inst., about 11½ o'clock, he was startled in his residence at Manayunk, by a heavy rumbling noise, and shaking of the house and furniture, and rattling of the windows; the sound resembled that of a heavy wagon drawn over hard frozen ground. In the course of four or five seconds, the noise and trembling were repeated. Dr. U. raised the window immediately, but found everything perfectly quiet; there was no wind, and he attributed the noise to an earthquake.

The sound appeared to come from the north east, and then returned; the whole duration was probably twenty seconds. He had no means of determining the amount or direction of the oscillation.

March 10th.

Vice President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Communications were presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled :

Contributions to the Neuropterology of the United States, No. 1, by Philip R. Uhler.

Descriptions of twelve new species of Naiades, by Isaac Lea.

And the following for publication in the Journal :

On the Caducibranchiate Urodele Batrachians, by Edward Hallowell, M. D.

On Trigonophrys rugiceps, by Edward Hallowell, M. D.

Which were respectively referred to Committees.

Dr. LeConte announced the decease of Prof. J. W. BAILEY, of West Point, a correspondent of the Academy.

On motion, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Vaux, LeConte, and Foulke, to make arrangements relative to attendance at the funeral of Dr. E. K. Kane, on the 12th inst.

1857.]